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QUOTE

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: SNAR, TH  
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE RELEASE OF COLONEL PRAMUAN WANIKAPHAN

1. THE BANGKOK POST ON NOVEMBER 4 CARRIED AN ARTICLE REPORTING THAT POLICE COLONEL PRAMUAN WANIKAPHAN, FORMER CHIEF OF THE POLICE ANTI-NARCOTICS CENTER, WILL BE RELEASED FROM PRISON AS ONE OF THE 10,000 PRISONERS TO BE GRANTED AMNESTY ON THE KING'S BIRTHDAY, DECEMBER 5. PRAMUAN WAS SENTENCED TO 25 YEARS IN PRISON IN APRIL 1973 ON CHARGES OF NARCOTICS RELATED CORRUPTION.

2. POLICE COLONEL CHAWALIT YOTMANI, ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CENTRAL NARCOTICS BUREAU, TOLD AN EMBASSY OFFICER RECENTLY THAT HE BELIEVED PRAMUAN WOULD BE RELEASED ALTHOUGH HE HAD NOT YET RECEIVED OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION.

3. ALTHOUGH NARCOTICS VIOLATORS ARE EXCLUDED FROM THE  
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AMNESTY, THE SPECIFIC CHARGE ON WHICH PRAMUAN WAS

CONVICTED WAS CORRUPTION (EXTORTING MONEY FROM DRUG  
TRAFFICKERS IN RETURN FOR POLICE PROTECTION), AND HE  
IS TECHNICALLY ELIGIBLE FOR RELEASE.

4. WE WILL SEEK AN EARLY APPOINTMENT AT A HIGH LEVEL  
TO EXPRESS OUR DEEP CONCERN AT THE APPARENT RTG DECISION  
TO RELEASE PRAMUAN AFTER HE HAS SERVED ONLY TWO YEARS  
OF A 25 YEAR SENTENCE.  
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